THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) National Thermal Power Corporation Ltd. (NTPC Ltd.), as a promoter of Ratnagiri Gas and Power Private Ltd. (RGPPL), has offered to infuse Rs. 500 Cr. as loan and Rs. 475 crore as equity for completion of the Dabhol power plant, while Gas Authority of India Ltd. (GAIL) has offered equity of Rs. 475 crore.

Both the above amounts are being used for completion of the current revival works of the Liquified Natural Gas (LNG) Terminal and not for meeting any past liabilities of erstwhile owners, *i.e.* Dabhol Power Company. The LNG facility when completed will enable power generation using the LNG Terminal as conceived in the original project design.

(b) and (c) NTPC Ltd. and GAIL India Limited (GAIL) are the principal promoters of RGPPL. The Board of Directors, consisting of the nominee directors of NTPC, GAIL, Government of Maharashtra (GoM) and the Financial Institutions are managing the Company. As per the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) signed between RGPPL and Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (MSEDCL), upto a maximum of 95% of the power is envisaged for sale to the State of Maharashtra from the Dabhol Power Plant.

Energy Co-ordination Committee meetings

2861. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the outcome and solutions made at the Energy Co-ordination Committee meetings, to review the energy security in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that if the country is to sustain the eight per cent growth for the next 25 years, our electricity production has to rise from 1,60,000 MW to 8,00,000 MW and the coal consumption to over two billion tones, from the current 432 mt; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to increase the power generation and the production and supply of sufficient quantity of coal?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) The Energy Coordination Committee considered the major recommendations of the Expert Committee on the Integrated Energy Policy and follow up mechanism related to their implementation were put in place.

The said Report (as published by the Planning Commission in August, 2006) has stated that in order to deliver a sustained economic growth rate of 8%, the power generation capacity has to increase from the capacity of around 1,60,000 MW (inclusive of all captive plants) to nearly 8,00,000 MW by 2031-32. Under the various scenarios, the Report has projected the coal requirement to be between a low of 1580 million tones to a high of 2555 million tones by 2031-32.

Planning for additional generation capacities inline with the growing demand of power is a continuous process. A capacity addition of 78,577 MW has been proposed during the Eleventh Plan. Out of this proposed capacity, as on 31st August, 2007, 2265 MW has been commissioned and another 51680 MW is under execution.

The total coal requirement of the power sector by 2011-12 has been estimated at 550 MT. Bulk of this is expected to be met through domestic sources. The steps taken by the Government to increase the production of coal include allocation of 130 coal blocks to different stake holders; Coal India Limited has identified 119 coal projects to be taken up during the Eleventh Plan; Singreni Colliery Company Limited (SCCL) has identified another 25 projects to be taken up during the Eleventh Plan; in addition, Coal India Limited, under 'Emergency Coal Production Plan' has identified 16 open cast projects/mines from where production will be enhanced.

Loan for renovation and modernization of power plants

2862. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether NTPC has entered into a pact with Germany's banking group KFW bankengruppe for a term-loan of $ 100 million, to be utilized on renovation and modernization of its power plants in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, *inter-alia*, indicating the units proposed to be modernized in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) NTPC Ltd. has entered into a Loan Agreement on 23rd March, 2007 for US Dollar 100 million with Kreditanstalt fur Wiederaufbau (KFW) for funding the expenditure on Renovation and Modernization of its power plants.

The loan has a maturity period of 10 years including the disbursement period of 3 years. The loan carries variable interest rate linked to US Dollar London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) plus a fixed spread.

Presently NTPC Ltd. has proposed Renovation and Modernization schemes of eight power stations including Talcher Thermal Power Station (460 MW) in Orissa. However, the Loan Agreement has the provision to add further stations subject to the acceptance of KFW.

Steps to meet power shortage

2863. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any meeting between him and the Chief Ministers of States was held in New Delhi in May, 2007, which was addressed by the Prime Minister and a decision was taken therein to tide over the power shortage in the country;

(b) whether it was decided to utilize some of the merchant provisions in the Regulators Act and give policy directives to power regulators in which they should function; and

(c) if so, the details of the discussion and the outcome thereof?